

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

The Examiner's determination in the Office Action mailed December 29, 2004 that claims 7-10, 12, 17, and 18 constitute allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged.

The Office Action mailed December 29, 2004 indicated that claim 19 was rejected as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,260,914 to Roberts. By the foregoing amendment, Claim 19 has been cancelled.

The Office Action mailed December 29, 2004 also indicated that claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. By the foregoing amendment, Claim 20 has been rewritten into independent form, including all the limitations of cancelled Claim 19 from which Claim 20 formerly depended. Consequently, claim 20 should now be allowable.

No claims are being added. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 7-10, 12, 17, 18, and 20 are now pending in this application.

Applicant believes that the present application should now be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even

entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Respectfully submitted,

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